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SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR LOAN OF TRIGA HEAT REMOVAL SYSTEM TO KAERI

- 1. THROUGH EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, KOREA ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (KAERI) PRESIDENT YOON YOUNG-KU AND U.S. ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION'S (ERDA) GERARD F. HELFRICH ARE IN PROCESS OF AGREEING ON ALNGUAGE OF CONTRACT NO. E (49-14) 3088 PERTAINING TO LOAN OF A HEAT REMOVAL SYSTEM WHICH WOULD BE INSTALLED AT KAERI'S TRIGA III REACTOR TO INCREASE REACTOR NOMINAL POWER LEVEL.
- 2. KAERI PROPOSES REVISION OF INITIAL SENTENCE OF PARA 2 TO READ QUOTE KAERI WILL PROVIDE ERDA PERIODIC SCHOLARLY REPORTS CONCERNING THE USE OF THE TRIGA HEAT REMOVAL SYSTEM (UNQUOTE). COMMENT: BY SCHOLARLY REPORTS KAERI MEANS AN ENGINEERING ANALYSIS OF HEAT EXCHANGER PERFORMANCE UNDER VARIOUS OPERATING CONDITIONS. KAERI CLAIMS ONLY TOPICAL REPORTS, UNCLASSIFIED

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MOSTLY IN KOREA, ARE PREPARED FOR STUDIES PERFORMED WITH THE REACTOR AND THAT THE REACTOR LOG IS OPEN FOR IAEA INSPECTION UNDER TERMS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY WHICH SERVES SAFEGUARDS REQUIREMENTS. WRITTEN MATERIAL DESCRIBING EXPERIMENTS BEING CONDUCTED IS REFERENCED IN REACTOR OPERATOR LOG BOOK. THE TRIGA III IS CURRENTLY BEING USED FOR EXPERIMENTS, MEDICAL ISOTYPE PRODUCTION AND REACTOR OPERATOR TRAINING.

- 3. IN ADDITION, KAERI PROPOSED REVVISION OF INITIAL SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH SEVEN TO READ QUOTE IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, KAERI AGREES TO RECEIVE OBSERVERS SENT BY ERDA AT ERDA'S OWN EXPENSE TO WITNESS THE RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN WITH THE KOREAN TRIGA MARK III RESEARCH REACTOR UNQUOTE. COMMENT: KAERI'S REQUEST FOR A CHANGE IN THIS SENTENCE IS BASED UPON LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING EXTENT TO WHICH RIGHTS CAN BE RELINQUISHED FOR LOAN OF HEAT EXCHANGER.
- 4. GUIDANCE REQUESTED. SNEIDER

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